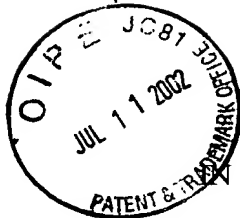


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant has carefully considered the Office Action mailed September 10, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned application. Applicant kindly requests reconsideration of the claims in light of the remarks that follow. Filed herewith are: 1) Exhibit A ("Marked-Up Version of Amended Paragraphs"); 2) Exhibit B ("Marked-Up Version of Amended Claims"); 3) Exhibit C ("Pending Claims After Entry of Instant Amendment"); and 4) a Petition To Revive the abandoned application.

**AMENDMENT**

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 14 please replace the paragraph beginning "Fig. 4 shows sequences . . ." with the following:

Fig. 4 shows sequences of the utilized regions *i.e.*, A', B and C'.

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